

**ATTACHMENT A - Applicant's Request  
DPLF-2021-29 Amendment**

Request for substitution of Mangroves at Spanish Cay

Spanish Cay was forced to repair our seawall quickly because of cracks that appeared, putting the buildings in danger because they are so close to the water's edge. When we applied for the permit, we left it to Florida Structural and Hans Wilson. None of our residents were present at the initial hearing because we didn't realize there would be a landscaping component with the permit.

Once the residents realized that the permit required 20-foot red mangroves to be placed in front of their lanai windows, they were upset. We sought substitution under city ordinance section 126-912 (12) which allows "Native vegetation other than red mangroves" to be substituted. The ordinance mentions that the substitution could be planted to enhance wildlife habitat to "create a natural appearing bank at maturity." After meeting with Kim Ruiz and Dana Dettmer, we would like to request a substitution of Black Rush and Salt Marsh Cord Grass, in one-gallon containers to be planted in two staggered rows in the water, 330 plants in all.

This substitution will be more cost effective for our residents, one quarter of whom already have or are planning to put their condos on the market. Many of them have not paid their HOA dues or the four assessments we have needed to get the buildings restored after Hurricane Ian. We lack the funds to do any large-scale landscaping at this point, but will show our good faith by doing the landward plantings as soon as the irrigation system can be put in even though it is in the back of the building. Our plan is to do the grass planting before rainy season to try to get it established, and to close out the permit.